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SUMMARY: MEDIA CONTINUED TO MENTION AMBASSADOR'S NAME, BASICALLY IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED WEEKEND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND DEPARTURE FOR U.S. OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE WERE APPEARANCE OF TWO NEW LISBON DAILIES, AND COMMENT BY TWO NEWS-PAPERS ON AN ATTACK PLANNED, NOT CARRIED OUT, AGAINST SEVERAL NON-COMMUNIST PAPERS.

1. PRESS ATTENTION ON AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI: COMMUNIST-INFLUENCED DIARIO DE NOTICIAS FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE AUG. 26 COMMENTS ON AMERICAN EMBASSY NOTE CLARIFYING THAT AMBASSADOR HAD REMAINED IN LISBON, CONTRARY TO WIDELY PUBLISHED ALLEGATIONS. PAPER NOTES THAT EMBASSY, "IN NOT DENYING, CONFIRMS THE STRANGE,  
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BUT NOT ALTOGETHER INCOMPREHENSIBLE, MEETING OF CARLUCCI

WITH THE "GROUP OF NINE", ALTHOUGH THE MOTIVE AND FORM OF THE MEETING REMAIN A MYSTERY...." ARTICLE ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN AUG. 26 COMMUNIST-DOMINATED O SECULO ALLUDES TO ROLE IN PORTUGAL BEING PLAYED BY "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ITS ALLIES" AND MENTIONS FRANK CARLUCCI AS AN EXPERT SENT TO PORTUGAL AT A TIME "WHEN IT WAS POSSIBLE TO MOVE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HESITATIONS BY MANY SECTORS OF THE ARMED FORCES...."

2. NEW PAPERS: THE HERALDED ARRIVAL OF THE NEW NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED BY THE MAN WHO FORMERLY HEADED A REPUBLICA, A MAJOR VOICE FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY POSITION, WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER BY ITS LEFTIST PRINTERS, OCCURRED AUG. 25. THE PAPER IS CALLED A LUTA, AND IT HAS APPEARED AS AN AFTERNOON TABLOID, WITH ITS OWN MASTHEAD LABEL: "A SOCIALIST, PLURALIST AND INDEPENDENT JOURNAL." PRINTED OFFSET, IT CARRIES A RESPECTABLE NUMBER OF ADS FOR A NEW PAPER AND SELLS FOR ABOUT 6.5 US CENTS. THE OTHER NEW DAILY PAPER, SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON AUG. 26, IS LUTA POPULAR, WHICH UNTIL NOW WAS A WEEKLY; IT IS TO BE PUBLISHED MORNINGS BY THE MAOIST REORGANIZING MOVEMENT OF THE PROLETARIAT PARTY (MRPP).

3. PURPORTED PLAN FOR ATTACKING PAPERS: AUG. 25 EDITIONS OF BOTH A LUTA AND INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST JORNAL NOVO CARRY ARTICLES ALLEGING THAT A PHYSICAL ATTACK HAD BEEN PLANNED ON THEM AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS. THE ATTACK, REPORTEDLY SET FOR THE EARLY HOURS OF AUG. 25, DID NOT TAKE PLACE. BOTH PAPERS SAY THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT SECURITY ORGANS HELPED SET UP A PROTECTIVE SHIELD AT THOSE PAPERS AND ALSO AT THE WEEKLY INDEPENDENT LIBERAL EXPRESSO AND WEEKLY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST O JORNAL. A LUTA ATTRIBUTED THE PLANNED ATTACK ON "CIVILIAN BRIGADES ALIGNED WITH EXTREME-LEFT POLITICAL GROUPS." JORNAL NOVO ALSO NOTED THAT IT AND EXPRESSO HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM IN RECENT ADDRESS BY PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES.

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